the claims. In this response, Applicants have changed the title and have submitted a terminal

disclaimer.

Claims 47-68 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type

double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent No. 5,737,054 (the

"Chao Patent"). The reason was that, "Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they

are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 47-68 of this application is broader

than claims 14 of the patent ..." Although the Chao Patent does not have claim 14, in order to

expedite the application, Applicants have submitted a terminal disclaimer to overcome the

rejection.

In the event that the Examiner, upon reexamination, determines that an action other

than an allowance is appropriate, the Examiner is requested and authorized to telephone

Applicants' Attorney prior to taking such action, if the Examiner feels that such a telephone

call will advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this

response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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